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**Table 2b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Rarely or Never Worn Seatbelts\* and Who Had Ever Ridden in a Car with a Driver Who Had Been Drinking Alcohol, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question  | Male           |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %              | CI <sup>†</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Rarely or never wore seat belts</b>                  |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                                   |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>§</sup>                                      | 9.5            | 2.6                 | 4.6    | 1.7    | 7.2   | 1.7    |
| Black <sup>§</sup>                                      | 14.7           | 4.2                 | 9.3    | 3.4    | 11.9  | 2.7    |
| Hispanic  | — <sup>¶</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | 10.8  | 7.6    |
| Other   | 12.7           | 8.3                 | —      | —      | 10.3  | 6.0    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 7.5            | 2.1                 | 6.6    | 3.5    | 7.1   | 1.6    |
| 7   | 11.0           | 3.8                 | 4.7    | 2.2    | 7.9   | 2.5    |
| 8   | 16.3           | 5.2                 | 8.8    | 3.4    | 12.6  | 3.7    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 11.9           | 2.5                 | 6.6    | 1.7    | 9.3   | 1.7    |
| <b>Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol</b> |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                                   |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 32.5           | 3.7                 | 33.0   | 4.0    | 32.8  | 3.3    |
| Black   | 39.0           | 6.0                 | 36.9   | 5.3    | 37.9  | 4.4    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —                   | —      | —      | 23.0  | 11.0   |
| Other   | 32.3           | 7.3                 | —      | —      | 32.5  | 6.0    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 26.9           | 6.9                 | 26.5   | 3.8    | 26.7  | 4.0    |
| 7   | 33.7           | 5.5                 | 33.9   | 4.8    | 33.8  | 4.0    |
| 8   | 41.6           | 5.6                 | 41.9   | 5.3    | 41.7  | 4.2    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 34.0           | 3.8                 | 34.0   | 3.3    | 34.0  | 2.9    |

\*When riding in a car.

†95% confidence interval.

§Non-Hispanic.

¶Not available.

**Table 3b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Rarely or Never Worn Bicycle Helmets\* or Rollerblade or Skateboard Helmets,† by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question  | Male            |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %               | CI <sup>§</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Rarely or never wore bicycle helmets</b>   |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>¶</sup>  | 69.0            | 6.0                 | 62.9   | 5.1    | 66.3  | 5.0    |
| Black <sup>¶</sup>  | 89.8            | 3.4                 | 83.7   | 4.6    | 86.9  | 3.2    |
| Hispanic  | — <sup>**</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | —     | —      |
| Other   | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 80.1  | 6.9    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 73.6            | 7.6                 | 69.7   | 6.7    | 71.7  | 5.8    |
| 7   | 74.7            | 8.1                 | 68.9   | 8.6    | 72.0  | 7.5    |
| 8   | 84.0            | 7.6                 | 75.5   | 8.4    | 80.4  | 7.4    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 77.4            | 4.6                 | 71.1   | 4.2    | 74.5  | 4.1    |
| <b>Rarely or never wore a helmet when using rollerblades or riding a skateboard</b> |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 64.8            | 5.5                 | 67.7   | 4.9    | 66.2  | 4.6    |
| Black   | 85.0            | 6.8                 | 81.0   | 5.8    | 82.8  | 4.0    |
| Hispanic  | —               | —                   | —      | —      | —     | —      |
| Other   | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 73.0  | 9.2    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 66.8            | 7.0                 | 67.8   | 6.2    | 67.2  | 5.3    |
| 7   | 67.6            | 7.9                 | 74.7   | 6.9    | 71.2  | 6.5    |
| 8   | 80.1            | 9.4                 | 75.3   | 8.5    | 77.8  | 8.0    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 70.8            | 4.7                 | 72.4   | 3.8    | 71.7  | 3.6    |

\*Among the 82.7% of students who had ridden a bicycle.

†Among the 59.5% of students who had used rollerblades or ridden a skateboard.

§95% confidence interval.

¶Non-Hispanic.

\*\*Not available.

**Table 4b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Ever Carried a Weapon,\* Who Had Ever Been in a Physical Fight, and Who Had Ever Been Hurt in a Physical Fight,† by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question                             | Male            |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                                      | %               | CI <sup>§</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Carried a weapon</b>              |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>¶</sup>                   | 65.5            | 4.9                 | 18.2   | 3.0    | 42.9  | 3.9    |
| Black <sup>¶</sup>                   | 39.3            | 5.9                 | 13.7   | 3.6    | 26.2  | 4.4    |
| Hispanic                             | — <sup>**</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | 26.7  | 12.7   |
| Other                                | 46.2            | 10.5                | —      | —      | 36.8  | 8.9    |
| <b>Grade</b>                         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                    | 48.2            | 9.0                 | 12.8   | 3.2    | 31.0  | 5.7    |
| 7                                    | 50.5            | 6.4                 | 15.1   | 3.3    | 33.2  | 4.8    |
| 8                                    | 58.8            | 6.0                 | 22.1   | 4.1    | 40.8  | 4.4    |
| <b>Total</b>                         | 52.7            | 5.0                 | 16.6   | 2.4    | 35.1  | 3.3    |
| <b>Were in a physical fight</b>      |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                                | 72.1            | 5.2                 | 35.5   | 6.1    | 54.6  | 4.9    |
| Black                                | 80.7            | 4.5                 | 60.1   | 5.9    | 70.2  | 4.0    |
| Hispanic                             | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 55.0  | 10.5   |
| Other                                | 79.0            | 8.8                 | —      | —      | 61.5  | 9.0    |
| <b>Grade</b>                         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                    | 72.3            | 6.6                 | 38.8   | 5.7    | 56.1  | 5.7    |
| 7                                    | 74.7            | 5.5                 | 48.2   | 6.6    | 61.8  | 5.1    |
| 8                                    | 77.6            | 4.7                 | 51.9   | 7.5    | 65.1  | 5.1    |
| <b>Total</b>                         | 75.0            | 3.7                 | 46.2   | 5.0    | 61.0  | 3.7    |
| <b>Were hurt in a physical fight</b> |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                                | 9.5             | 2.5                 | 4.5    | 1.7    | 7.1   | 1.4    |
| Black                                | 10.2            | 3.2                 | 3.7    | 1.6    | 6.9   | 1.9    |
| Hispanic                             | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 9.4   | 5.8    |
| Other                                | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 7.8   | 4.5    |
| <b>Grade</b>                         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                    | 9.7             | 3.3                 | 4.0    | 1.8    | 6.9   | 1.8    |
| 7                                    | 10.4            | 3.6                 | 4.1    | 1.3    | 7.3   | 2.0    |
| 8                                    | 9.2             | 3.2                 | 5.2    | 1.8    | 7.2   | 2.2    |
| <b>Total</b>                         | 9.8             | 1.8                 | 4.5    | 1.0    | 7.2   | 1.0    |

\*For example, a gun, knife, or club.

†Had to be treated by a doctor or nurse.

§95% confidence interval.

¶Non-Hispanic.

\*\*Not available.

**Table 5b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Ever Seriously Thought About Killing Themselves, Who Had Ever Made a Plan About How To Kill Themselves, and Who Had Ever Tried To Kill Themselves, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question  | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Seriously thought about killing themselves</b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                             |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>†</sup>                                | 17.7           | 2.9     | 22.0   | 4.0    | 19.7  | 2.6    |
| Black <sup>†</sup>                                | 13.6           | 3.7     | 24.9   | 5.1    | 19.3  | 3.4    |
| Hispanic  | — <sup>§</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 14.3  | 7.3    |
| Other   | 22.0           | 9.9     | —      | —      | 26.1  | 7.4    |
| <b>Grade</b>                                      |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 14.3           | 4.2     | 20.4   | 4.8    | 17.2  | 2.9    |
| 7   | 15.7           | 3.7     | 21.2   | 4.7    | 18.4  | 2.5    |
| 8   | 17.0           | 4.2     | 28.8   | 5.5    | 22.7  | 3.7    |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | 15.8           | 2.4     | 23.5   | 3.2    | 19.5  | 2.1    |
| <b>Made a plan about how to kill themselves</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                             |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 11.1           | 2.6     | 14.5   | 3.3    | 12.8  | 2.3    |
| Black   | 12.2           | 2.9     | 16.2   | 4.8    | 14.2  | 2.9    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 11.5  | 6.4    |
| Other   | —              | —       | —      | —      | 17.2  | 8.5    |
| <b>Grade</b>                                      |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 12.8           | 3.9     | 10.8   | 2.9    | 11.8  | 2.2    |
| 7   | 9.1            | 3.1     | 14.6   | 4.4    | 11.8  | 2.8    |
| 8   | 12.6           | 4.2     | 21.1   | 5.7    | 16.8  | 3.8    |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | 11.5           | 2.3     | 15.5   | 3.0    | 13.4  | 2.1    |
| <b>Tried to kill themselves</b>                   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                             |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 5.2            | 2.6     | 9.2    | 2.5    | 7.1   | 1.9    |
| Black   | 8.6            | 2.8     | 10.0   | 3.6    | 9.3   | 2.5    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 11.4  | 7.1    |
| Other   | 5.2            | 5.3     | —      | —      | 8.7   | 5.2    |
| <b>Grade</b>                                      |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 7.2            | 3.6     | 7.1    | 2.2    | 7.2   | 2.0    |
| 7   | 6.2            | 3.3     | 8.8    | 2.8    | 7.5   | 2.4    |
| 8   | 6.0            | 2.9     | 14.8   | 4.9    | 10.3  | 3.3    |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | 6.5            | 2.4     | 10.2   | 2.2    | 8.3   | 1.8    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Non-Hispanic.

<sup>§</sup>Not available.

**Table 6b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Ever Smoked Cigarettes, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question   | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|--|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|  | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Lifetime cigarette use<sup>†</sup></b>        |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| Race/Ethnicity                                   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>§</sup>                               | 39.6           | 6.1     | 32.0   | 5.4    | 36.0  | 4.9    |
| Black <sup>§</sup>                               | 42.0           | 7.7     | 38.1   | 6.8    | 40.0  | 6.2    |
| Hispanic   | — <sup>¶</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 29.5  | 15.1   |
| Other  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 29.7  | 6.0    |
| <b>Grade</b>                                     |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6  | 30.2           | 7.1     | 22.2   | 3.7    | 26.4  | 4.6    |
| 7  | 38.1           | 8.2     | 36.3   | 7.0    | 37.2  | 6.5    |
| 8  | 50.1           | 9.3     | 43.1   | 8.3    | 46.6  | 7.7    |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | 39.5           | 5.8     | 33.8   | 4.4    | 36.7  | 4.6    |
| <b>Lifetime daily cigarette use<sup>**</sup></b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| Race/Ethnicity                                   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White  | 6.4            | 2.5     | 6.2    | 2.0    | 6.3   | 1.8    |
| Black  | 4.2            | 2.1     | 2.1    | 1.3    | 3.1   | 1.2    |
| Hispanic   | —              | —       | —      | —      | 6.3   | 4.4    |
| Other  | 6.2            | 5.9     | —      | —      | 6.0   | 4.3    |
| <b>Grade</b>                                     |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6  | 4.9            | 2.5     | 1.4    | 1.4    | 3.2   | 1.7    |
| 7  | 4.3            | 2.7     | 3.1    | 1.5    | 3.7   | 1.6    |
| 8  | 8.2            | 3.1     | 8.6    | 3.2    | 8.4   | 2.4    |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | 5.8            | 1.7     | 4.3    | 1.2    | 5.1   | 1.2    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs.<sup>§</sup>Non-Hispanic.<sup>¶</sup>Not available.<sup>\*\*</sup>Ever smoked at least one cigarette every day for 30 days.

**Table 7b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Smoked Cigarettes, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question   | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|--|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|  | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Current cigarette use<sup>†</sup></b>           |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                              |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>§</sup>                                 | 12.9           | 4.2     | 10.0   | 3.0    | 11.5  | 3.0    |
| Black <sup>§</sup>                                 | 7.6            | 3.2     | 6.1    | 3.3    | 6.8   | 2.9    |
| Hispanic   | — <sup>¶</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 10.7  | 7.5    |
| Other  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 6.9   | 4.8    |
| <b>Grade</b>                                       |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6  | 5.7            | 2.2     | 3.2    | 2.2    | 4.5   | 1.5    |
| 7  | 10.8           | 3.6     | 8.2    | 3.2    | 9.5   | 2.5    |
| 8  | 14.5           | 5.9     | 14.2   | 3.3    | 14.3  | 3.9    |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | 10.5           | 2.5     | 8.4    | 2.3    | 9.4   | 2.0    |
| <b>Current frequent cigarette use<sup>**</sup></b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                              |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White  | 2.8            | 1.7     | 2.4    | 1.2    | 2.6   | 1.2    |
| Black  | 1.5            | 1.3     | 1.2    | 1.2    | 1.3   | 0.9    |
| Hispanic   | —              | —       | —      | —      | 1.2   | 1.9    |
| Other  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 4.2   | 3.7    |
| <b>Grade</b>                                       |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6  | 1.2            | 1.2     | 0.6    | 0.9    | 0.9   | 0.6    |
| 7  | 1.6            | 1.3     | 0.3    | 0.5    | 1.0   | 0.7    |
| 8  | 4.0            | 2.8     | 4.7    | 1.8    | 4.3   | 1.7    |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | 2.3            | 1.3     | 1.8    | 0.8    | 2.1   | 0.8    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Smoked cigarettes on  $\geq 1$  of the 30 days preceding the survey.<sup>§</sup>Non-Hispanic.<sup>¶</sup>Not available.<sup>\*\*</sup>Smoked cigarettes on  $\geq 20$  of the 30 days preceding the survey.

**Table 8b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Used Smokeless Tobacco,\* Smoked Cigars,† and Used Any Tobacco Product,§ by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question                             | Male            |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                                      | %               | CI <sup>¶</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Current smokeless tobacco use</b> |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White**                              | 9.3             | 2.7                 | 1.5    | 1.0    | 5.6   | 1.4    |
| Black**                              | 4.8             | 2.9                 | 1.2    | 1.4    | 2.9   | 1.6    |
| Hispanic                             | — <sup>††</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | 5.7   | 5.2    |
| Other                                | 7.8             | 4.9                 | —      | —      | 6.2   | 3.9    |
| <b>Grade</b>                         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                    | 7.9             | 3.5                 | 1.2    | 1.1    | 4.6   | 2.0    |
| 7                                    | 6.3             | 2.9                 | 1.4    | 0.9    | 3.9   | 1.5    |
| 8                                    | 7.6             | 4.2                 | 2.2    | 1.6    | 5.0   | 2.3    |
| <b>Total</b>                         | 7.5             | 2.0                 | 1.7    | 0.7    | 4.7   | 1.1    |
| <b>Current cigar use</b>             |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                                | 6.3             | 2.4                 | 5.3    | 1.4    | 5.8   | 1.5    |
| Black                                | 8.9             | 3.5                 | 4.0    | 2.9    | 6.4   | 2.7    |
| Hispanic                             | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 8.5   | 5.8    |
| Other                                | 10.5            | 8.0                 | —      | —      | 8.0   | 5.4    |
| <b>Grade</b>                         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                    | 5.5             | 2.2                 | 4.0    | 2.6    | 4.8   | 1.4    |
| 7                                    | 6.4             | 2.9                 | 3.6    | 2.3    | 5.0   | 2.1    |
| 8                                    | 10.2            | 4.0                 | 7.1    | 2.4    | 8.7   | 2.2    |
| <b>Total</b>                         | 7.5             | 2.2                 | 4.9    | 1.5    | 6.3   | 1.6    |
| <b>Current tobacco use</b>           |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                                | 18.2            | 4.5                 | 11.7   | 3.1    | 15.1  | 3.0    |
| Black                                | 10.1            | 3.5                 | 6.9    | 3.5    | 8.4   | 3.0    |
| Hispanic                             | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 11.1  | 8.2    |
| Other                                | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 10.8  | 5.8    |
| <b>Grade</b>                         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                    | 10.6            | 4.1                 | 5.0    | 3.6    | 7.9   | 2.6    |
| 7                                    | 14.7            | 4.3                 | 9.3    | 3.3    | 12.0  | 2.9    |
| 8                                    | 17.9            | 6.2                 | 15.0   | 2.9    | 16.4  | 3.8    |
| <b>Total</b>                         | 14.5            | 2.9                 | 9.6    | 2.5    | 12.1  | 2.1    |

\*Used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on  $\geq 1$  of the 30 days preceding the survey.†Smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on  $\geq 1$  of the 30 days preceding the survey.§Reported current cigarette use, current cigar use, or had used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on  $\geq 1$  of the 30 days preceding the survey.

¶95% confidence interval.

\*\*Non-Hispanic.

††Not available.



**Table 9b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Ever Had a Drink of Alcohol,\* Who Had Ever Used Marijuana, and Who Had Ever Used Cocaine,† by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question                      | Male            |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                               | %               | CI <sup>§</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Lifetime alcohol use</b>   |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>¶</sup>            | 35.1            | 5.7                 | 29.0   | 6.0    | 32.2  | 5.0    |
| Black <sup>¶</sup>            | 38.8            | 6.6                 | 36.0   | 6.1    | 37.3  | 5.3    |
| Hispanic                      | — <sup>**</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | —     | —      |
| Other                         | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 32.9  | 9.7    |
| <b>Grade</b>                  |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                             | 28.1            | 5.1                 | 19.3   | 4.6    | 23.9  | 3.7    |
| 7                             | 36.6            | 7.4                 | 28.7   | 5.3    | 32.8  | 5.5    |
| 8                             | 45.4            | 7.1                 | 46.1   | 6.4    | 45.7  | 5.0    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | 36.8            | 4.8                 | 31.3   | 4.6    | 34.1  | 4.0    |
| <b>Lifetime marijuana use</b> |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                         | 12.2            | 3.3                 | 8.2    | 3.4    | 10.3  | 3.0    |
| Black                         | 17.4            | 4.9                 | 7.6    | 2.5    | 12.3  | 3.4    |
| Hispanic                      | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 12.4  | 6.2    |
| Other                         | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 6.5   | 3.1    |
| <b>Grade</b>                  |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                             | 8.1             | 2.6                 | 2.5    | 1.8    | 5.4   | 1.6    |
| 7                             | 13.8            | 4.8                 | 3.9    | 1.6    | 9.0   | 2.8    |
| 8                             | 20.8            | 5.5                 | 17.2   | 5.1    | 19.0  | 4.5    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | 14.2            | 3.3                 | 7.7    | 2.3    | 11.0  | 2.6    |
| <b>Lifetime cocaine use</b>   |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>         |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                         | 4.8             | 1.7                 | 2.4    | 1.7    | 3.6   | 1.3    |
| Black                         | 4.4             | 2.5                 | 1.3    | 1.0    | 2.8   | 1.4    |
| Hispanic                      | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 10.7  | 7.5    |
| Other                         | 4.5             | 3.7                 | —      | —      | 4.4   | 2.7    |
| <b>Grade</b>                  |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                             | 3.7             | 1.9                 | 1.7    | 1.5    | 2.7   | 1.2    |
| 7                             | 5.3             | 2.8                 | 1.3    | 1.3    | 3.4   | 1.5    |
| 8                             | 6.4             | 2.2                 | 3.9    | 2.0    | 5.1   | 1.4    |
| <b>Total</b>                  | 5.2             | 1.3                 | 2.3    | 1.1    | 3.8   | 1.0    |

\*Ever had a drink of alcohol, other than a few sips.

†Ever used any form of cocaine (e.g., powder, “crack,” or “freebase”).

§95% confidence interval.

¶Non-Hispanic.

\*\*Not available.

**Table 10b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Ever Used Inhalants\* and Who Had Ever Used Steroids, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question                     | Male           |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                              | %              | CI <sup>†</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Lifetime inhalant use</b> |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>        |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>§</sup>           | 14.7           | 3.2                 | 12.3   | 4.6    | 13.6  | 3.4    |
| Black <sup>§</sup>           | 14.6           | 3.8                 | 9.1    | 3.2    | 11.7  | 2.2    |
| Hispanic                     | — <sup>¶</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | 15.8  | 7.8    |
| Other                        | 17.2           | 9.1                 | —      | —      | 16.1  | 6.4    |
| <b>Grade</b>                 |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                            | 17.2           | 4.0                 | 6.6    | 2.6    | 12.0  | 2.6    |
| 7                            | 11.4           | 3.7                 | 12.2   | 3.9    | 11.8  | 3.0    |
| 8                            | 14.2           | 4.3                 | 16.0   | 4.9    | 15.0  | 4.0    |
| <b>Total</b>                 | 14.4           | 2.1                 | 11.5   | 3.3    | 13.0  | 2.3    |
| <b>Lifetime steroid use</b>  |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>        |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                        | 5.2            | 1.7                 | 3.1    | 1.4    | 4.2   | 1.0    |
| Black                        | 3.6            | 1.9                 | 2.8    | 1.2    | 3.2   | 1.1    |
| Hispanic                     | —              | —                   | —      | —      | 3.4   | 4.7    |
| Other                        | 6.0            | 5.7                 | —      | —      | 3.7   | 3.6    |
| <b>Grade</b>                 |                |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                            | 5.8            | 2.4                 | 3.3    | 1.8    | 4.6   | 1.5    |
| 7                            | 3.1            | 2.0                 | 3.0    | 1.9    | 3.1   | 1.4    |
| 8                            | 4.7            | 2.6                 | 1.8    | 1.3    | 3.2   | 1.3    |
| <b>Total</b>                 | 4.6            | 1.3                 | 2.8    | 0.9    | 3.7   | 0.8    |

\*Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of spray cans, or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high.

†95% confidence interval.

§Non-Hispanic.

¶Not available.

**Table 11b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Initiated Drug-Related Behaviors Before Age 11 Years, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question  | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Smoked a whole cigarette before age 11 years</b>               |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>†</sup>  | 9.7            | 2.7     | 6.8    | 2.5    | 8.3   | 2.4    |
| Black <sup>†</sup>  | 8.7            | 4.0     | 5.6    | 2.3    | 7.1   | 2.8    |
| Hispanic  | — <sup>§</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 1.6   | 2.7    |
| Other   | —              | —       | —      | —      | 5.1   | 4.1    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 7.4            | 2.4     | 3.2    | 1.7    | 5.4   | 1.3    |
| 7   | 9.7            | 3.3     | 7.7    | 3.5    | 8.7   | 2.9    |
| 8   | 9.3            | 4.4     | 6.6    | 3.0    | 7.9   | 3.2    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 8.7            | 2.2     | 5.8    | 1.8    | 7.3   | 1.8    |
| <b>Had first drink of alcohol before age 11 years<sup>†</sup></b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 15.9           | 2.7     | 8.6    | 2.8    | 12.4  | 2.3    |
| Black   | 19.1           | 4.7     | 18.0   | 3.8    | 18.5  | 3.3    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —       | —      | —      | —     | —      |
| Other   | —              | —       | —      | —      | 14.3  | 5.1    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 16.8           | 3.8     | 10.7   | 3.1    | 13.8  | 2.4    |
| 7   | 17.1           | 5.1     | 11.3   | 4.2    | 14.3  | 3.8    |
| 8   | 16.2           | 4.2     | 14.9   | 4.3    | 15.5  | 3.2    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 16.9           | 2.9     | 12.3   | 3.0    | 14.7  | 2.3    |
| <b>Tried marijuana before age 11 years</b>                        |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 2.7            | 1.8     | 0.9    | 0.8    | 1.8   | 1.1    |
| Black   | 2.5            | 2.2     | 1.8    | 1.3    | 2.2   | 1.1    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 0.3   | 0.7    |
| Other   | 3.2            | 3.5     | —      | —      | 2.3   | 2.3    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 2.2            | 1.6     | 1.7    | 1.0    | 2.0   | 0.9    |
| 7   | 1.9            | 2.0     | 0.8    | 0.9    | 1.3   | 1.1    |
| 8   | 3.5            | 2.5     | 1.3    | 1.2    | 2.4   | 1.5    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 2.5            | 1.3     | 1.3    | 0.5    | 1.9   | 0.7    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Non-Hispanic.

<sup>§</sup>Not available.

<sup>†</sup>Other than a few sips.

**Table 12b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Engaged in Sexual Behaviors, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question  | Male |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %    | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Ever had sexual intercourse</b>                      |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                                   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| White†  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Black†  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Hispanic  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Other   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Grade</b>  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 7   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 8   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Total</b>  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Had first sexual intercourse before age 11 years</b> |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                                   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Black   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Hispanic  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Other   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Grade</b>  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 7   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 8   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Total</b>  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Had ≥ 3 sex partners</b>                             |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                                   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Black   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Hispanic  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| Other   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Grade</b>  |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 7   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| 8   |      |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Total</b>  |      |         |        |        |       |        |

\*95% confidence interval.

†Non-Hispanic.

**Table 13b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Used a Condom During Last Sexual Intercourse and Who Had Ever Been Taught About Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection in School, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question   | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|--|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|  | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Used condom during last sexual intercourse</b>            |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>†</sup>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| Black <sup>†</sup>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| Hispanic   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| Other  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Grade</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 7  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 8  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Total</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Had been taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection</b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicit</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White  | 78.4           | 6.2     | 76.2   | 6.2    | 77.3  | 5.5    |
| Black  | 72.8           | 6.8     | 79.2   | 5.9    | 76.1  | 5.3    |
| Hispanic   | — <sup>§</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 60.2  | 12.5   |
| Other  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 77.1  | 8.2    |
| <b>Grade</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6  | 63.5           | 8.9     | 61.1   | 9.7    | 62.4  | 7.9    |
| 7  | 76.6           | 8.9     | 79.6   | 8.2    | 78.1  | 7.3    |
| 8  | 86.7           | 4.7     | 88.9   | 3.9    | 87.8  | 3.7    |
| <b>Total</b>   | 75.1           | 5.0     | 76.3   | 5.3    | 75.7  | 4.6    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Non-Hispanic.

<sup>§</sup>Not available.

**Table 14b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Participated in Sufficient Vigorous Physical Activity,\* Who Had Played on Any Sports Teams,† and Who Had Watched  $\geq 3$  Hours per Day of TV,§ by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question   | Male            |                           | Female |              | Total |              |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|--------------|
|  | %               | CI <sup>¶</sup> ( $\pm$ ) | %      | CI ( $\pm$ ) | %     | CI ( $\pm$ ) |
| <b>Participated in sufficient vigorous physical activity</b> |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| White**  | 74.2            | 3.4                       | 68.7   | 3.0          | 71.6  | 2.2          |
| Black**  | 66.8            | 5.9                       | 56.1   | 5.7          | 61.2  | 4.6          |
| Hispanic   | — <sup>††</sup> | —                         | —      | —            | 73.2  | 10.3         |
| Other  | 70.5            | 10.2                      | —      | —            | 69.3  | 7.8          |
| <b>Grade</b>   |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| 6  | 67.6            | 6.7                       | 63.9   | 5.5          | 65.8  | 4.3          |
| 7  | 72.9            | 6.3                       | 63.1   | 6.6          | 68.1  | 5.5          |
| 8  | 73.4            | 4.6                       | 64.5   | 4.7          | 68.9  | 3.2          |
| <b>Total</b>   | 71.0            | 3.1                       | 63.9   | 3.3          | 67.5  | 2.4          |
| <b>Played on any sports teams</b>                            |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| White  | 59.8            | 4.3                       | 55.0   | 5.2          | 57.5  | 4.1          |
| Black  | 62.2            | 5.7                       | 41.6   | 5.5          | 51.7  | 4.1          |
| Hispanic   | —               | —                         | —      | —            | 44.0  | 9.5          |
| Other  | —               | —                         | —      | —            | 50.2  | 6.9          |
| <b>Grade</b>   |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| 6  | 58.5            | 7.9                       | 47.4   | 7.5          | 53.2  | 6.9          |
| 7  | 58.4            | 5.2                       | 50.6   | 6.6          | 54.6  | 5.4          |
| 8  | 63.8            | 5.6                       | 45.3   | 5.5          | 54.9  | 3.8          |
| <b>Total</b>   | 60.1            | 2.9                       | 47.9   | 4.1          | 54.2  | 3.1          |
| <b>Watched <math>\geq 3</math> hours per day of TV</b>       |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>  |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| White  | 42.5            | 5.5                       | 35.0   | 4.3          | 38.9  | 3.6          |
| Black  | 67.1            | 5.4                       | 72.6   | 5.3          | 69.9  | 3.7          |
| Hispanic   | —               | —                         | —      | —            | 50.1  | 10.0         |
| Other  | 39.1            | 10.6                      | —      | —            | 43.1  | 8.4          |
| <b>Grade</b>   |                 |                           |        |              |       |              |
| 6  | 52.6            | 8.3                       | 52.6   | 8.6          | 52.6  | 6.8          |
| 7  | 53.7            | 8.2                       | 49.2   | 7.5          | 51.5  | 7.0          |
| 8  | 49.7            | 6.9                       | 53.7   | 7.9          | 51.7  | 6.4          |
| <b>Total</b>   | 51.8            | 5.3                       | 51.7   | 5.7          | 51.7  | 4.8          |

\*Exercised or participated in physical activities that made them sweat and breathe hard for  $\geq 20$  minutes on  $\geq 3$  of the 7 days preceding the survey (e.g., basketball, soccer, running, swimming laps, fast bicycling, fast dancing, or similar aerobic activities).

†Run by their school or community groups.

§On an average school day.

¶95% confidence interval.

\*\*Non-Hispanic.

††Not available.

**Table 15b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Were Enrolled in Physical Education (PE) Class\* and Attended PE Class Daily,<sup>†</sup> by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question                         | Male            |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                                  | %               | CI <sup>§</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Were enrolled in PE class</b> |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>            |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>¶</sup>               | 65.3            | 9.1                 | 60.1   | 10.4   | 62.8  | 8.7    |
| Black <sup>¶</sup>               | 65.0            | 8.9                 | 68.0   | 8.3    | 66.4  | 7.9    |
| Hispanic                         | — <sup>**</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | 68.9  | 11.3   |
| Other                            | 65.7            | 9.0                 | —      | —      | 65.1  | 8.0    |
| <b>Grade</b>                     |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                | 59.0            | 11.0                | 57.9   | 10.1   | 58.5  | 9.4    |
| 7                                | 68.3            | 9.9                 | 70.1   | 10.1   | 69.2  | 9.2    |
| 8                                | 71.0            | 7.2                 | 63.3   | 8.6    | 67.1  | 7.0    |
| <b>Total</b>                     | 65.9            | 6.8                 | 64.0   | 7.0    | 64.9  | 6.3    |
| <b>Attended PE class daily</b>   |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>            |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                            | 29.2            | 11.2                | 26.8   | 9.9    | 28.1  | 10.1   |
| Black                            | 28.5            | 13.8                | 35.1   | 15.1   | 31.8  | 14.0   |
| Hispanic                         | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 25.3  | 11.8   |
| Other                            | 23.6            | 9.6                 | —      | —      | 23.4  | 7.8    |
| <b>Grade</b>                     |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                | 21.7            | 8.9                 | 29.2   | 13.1   | 25.4  | 10.5   |
| 7                                | 30.4            | 13.3                | 29.2   | 11.3   | 29.8  | 12.1   |
| 8                                | 34.7            | 13.1                | 30.6   | 13.6   | 32.7  | 12.8   |
| <b>Total</b>                     | 28.6            | 9.7                 | 29.7   | 10.2   | 29.1  | 9.7    |

\*On one or more days in an average week when they were in school.

<sup>†</sup>5 days in an average week when they were in school.

<sup>§</sup>95% confidence interval.

<sup>¶</sup>Non-Hispanic.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Not available.

**Table 16b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Were at Risk for Becoming\* or Were Overweight,<sup>†</sup> by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question                               | Male            |                     | Female |        | Total |        |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|  | %               | CI <sup>§</sup> (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>At risk for becoming overweight</b> |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                  |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>¶</sup>                     | 20.0            | 4.2                 | 12.4   | 3.1    | 16.5  | 2.4    |
| Black <sup>¶</sup>                     | 20.0            | 4.7                 | 23.6   | 4.6    | 21.8  | 3.4    |
| Hispanic                               | — <sup>**</sup> | —                   | —      | —      | —     | —      |
| Other                                  | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 17.4  | 5.4    |
| <b>Grade</b>                           |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                      | 22.2            | 6.3                 | 19.0   | 7.4    | 20.7  | 5.4    |
| 7                                      | 18.3            | 4.3                 | 16.8   | 4.9    | 17.6  | 3.5    |
| 8                                      | 21.2            | 3.6                 | 17.4   | 3.9    | 19.3  | 2.6    |
| <b>Total</b>                           | 20.4            | 2.9                 | 17.6   | 3.2    | 19.0  | 1.9    |
| <b>Overweight</b>                      |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                  |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| White                                  | 15.0            | 3.2                 | 7.4    | 2.0    | 11.5  | 2.1    |
| Black                                  | 18.9            | 3.7                 | 17.1   | 4.7    | 18.0  | 2.9    |
| Hispanic                               | —               | —                   | —      | —      | —     | —      |
| Other                                  | —               | —                   | —      | —      | 4.8   | 4.0    |
| <b>Grade</b>                           |                 |                     |        |        |       |        |
| 6                                      | 21.9            | 5.1                 | 15.4   | 6.0    | 18.9  | 4.2    |
| 7                                      | 14.7            | 5.0                 | 9.3    | 3.2    | 12.1  | 3.5    |
| 8                                      | 13.4            | 3.2                 | 12.1   | 3.0    | 12.8  | 2.3    |
| <b>Total</b>                           | 16.0            | 2.4                 | 12.0   | 2.2    | 14.1  | 1.9    |

\*Students who were  $\geq$  85th percentile but  $<$  95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex, based on reference data.

<sup>†</sup>Students who were  $\geq$  95th percentile for body mass index, by age and sex, based on reference data.

<sup>§</sup>95% confidence interval.

<sup>¶</sup>Non-Hispanic.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Not available.



**Table 17b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Described Themselves as Slightly or Very Overweight and Who Were Trying To Lose Weight, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question                                  | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Described themselves as overweight</b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                     |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>†</sup>                        | 26.4           | 3.6     | 29.0   | 3.4    | 27.6  | 2.2    |
| Black <sup>†</sup>                        | 17.7           | 4.4     | 23.3   | 4.4    | 20.6  | 3.1    |
| Hispanic                                  | — <sup>§</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 24.6  | 11.2   |
| Other                                     | —              | —       | —      | —      | 26.8  | 5.8    |
| <b>Grade</b>                              |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 20.4           | 4.2     | 22.3   | 5.3    | 21.3  | 4.2    |
| 7   | 23.4           | 3.8     | 24.5   | 3.4    | 23.9  | 2.7    |
| 8   | 25.0           | 4.6     | 32.3   | 4.3    | 28.5  | 3.0    |
| <b>Total</b>                              | 22.9           | 2.5     | 26.4   | 2.5    | 24.6  | 1.8    |
| <b>Were trying to lose weight</b>         |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                     |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White                                     | 38.1           | 4.8     | 56.3   | 4.0    | 46.8  | 2.5    |
| Black                                     | 32.9           | 5.9     | 46.5   | 5.4    | 39.8  | 4.5    |
| Hispanic                                  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 45.3  | 12.7   |
| Other                                     | 34.1           | 9.9     | —      | —      | 42.2  | 7.7    |
| <b>Grade</b>                              |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 38.4           | 5.8     | 51.1   | 5.1    | 44.6  | 4.1    |
| 7   | 36.2           | 5.1     | 50.1   | 4.7    | 43.0  | 2.7    |
| 8   | 32.9           | 4.2     | 55.1   | 5.7    | 43.7  | 4.3    |
| <b>Total</b>                              | 36.0           | 3.5     | 52.0   | 3.6    | 43.8  | 2.5    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Non-Hispanic.

<sup>§</sup>Not available.

**Table 18b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Ever Engaged in Healthy Behaviors Associated with Weight Control To Lose Weight or To Keep from Gaining Weight, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question  | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Ate less food, fewer calories, or foods low in fat to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>†</sup>  | 34.5           | 4.3     | 62.9   | 3.8    | 48.1  | 2.7    |
| Black <sup>†</sup>  | 29.7           | 5.0     | 46.5   | 5.8    | 38.3  | 3.7    |
| Hispanic  | — <sup>§</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 45.0  | 10.7   |
| Other   | 29.2           | 7.8     | —      | —      | 40.7  | 6.1    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 38.6           | 4.7     | 50.8   | 5.6    | 44.5  | 3.7    |
| 7   | 30.4           | 4.2     | 57.1   | 4.8    | 43.4  | 3.1    |
| 8   | 29.0           | 6.7     | 58.7   | 6.3    | 43.6  | 6.3    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 32.7           | 3.3     | 55.3   | 3.9    | 43.7  | 2.9    |
| <b>Exercised to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 61.2           | 4.0     | 78.3   | 4.0    | 69.4  | 3.0    |
| Black   | 59.9           | 4.8     | 70.2   | 4.4    | 65.2  | 3.0    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 74.3  | 10.2   |
| Other   | 59.7           | 9.0     | —      | —      | 65.8  | 6.2    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 64.5           | 5.4     | 72.6   | 4.2    | 68.4  | 3.3    |
| 7   | 57.8           | 6.2     | 74.4   | 4.0    | 65.9  | 3.8    |
| 8   | 62.2           | 5.7     | 77.5   | 4.7    | 69.8  | 4.4    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 61.5           | 3.1     | 74.8   | 3.0    | 68.0  | 1.9    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Non-Hispanic.<sup>§</sup>Not available.

**Table 19b. Percentage of Middle School Students Who Had Ever Engaged in Unhealthy Behaviors Associated with Weight Control To Lose Weight or To Keep from Gaining Weight, by Sex, Race/Ethnicity, and Grade—Georgia, Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003**

| Question  | Male           |         | Female |        | Total |        |
|---|----------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|   | %              | CI* (±) | %      | CI (±) | %     | CI (±) |
| <b>Went without eating for ≥ 24 hours to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b>               |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White <sup>†</sup>  | 12.5           | 2.7     | 25.6   | 4.1    | 18.7  | 2.4    |
| Black <sup>†</sup>  | 11.4           | 3.8     | 20.0   | 4.1    | 15.8  | 3.1    |
| Hispanic  | — <sup>§</sup> | —       | —      | —      | 13.2  | 7.1    |
| Other   | 10.4           | 6.9     | —      | —      | 14.9  | 7.4    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 14.1           | 4.4     | 16.7   | 4.5    | 15.4  | 3.4    |
| 7   | 10.9           | 3.2     | 23.5   | 4.5    | 17.1  | 3.4    |
| 8   | 10.2           | 3.8     | 28.4   | 4.6    | 19.1  | 3.5    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 11.8           | 2.1     | 22.7   | 2.5    | 17.1  | 2.0    |
| <b>Took diet pills, powders, or liquids to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight<sup>¶</sup></b> |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 6.4            | 2.5     | 9.3    | 2.6    | 7.8   | 1.9    |
| Black   | 3.9            | 2.7     | 6.1    | 2.6    | 5.0   | 1.7    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 10.9  | 8.4    |
| Other   | 4.1            | 3.9     | —      | —      | 4.9   | 3.2    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 4.4            | 2.2     | 4.3    | 2.1    | 4.4   | 1.4    |
| 7   | 3.8            | 2.0     | 7.3    | 2.6    | 5.5   | 1.3    |
| 8   | 8.0            | 4.0     | 13.1   | 4.0    | 10.5  | 3.3    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 5.3            | 1.8     | 8.2    | 2.1    | 6.7   | 1.5    |
| <b>Vomited or took laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight</b>                        |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>   |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| White   | 4.4            | 1.9     | 9.5    | 3.0    | 6.8   | 1.5    |
| Black   | 5.1            | 2.4     | 7.0    | 2.9    | 6.1   | 2.0    |
| Hispanic  | —              | —       | —      | —      | 8.7   | 5.1    |
| Other   | 4.1            | 5.1     | —      | —      | 6.9   | 4.3    |
| <b>Grade</b>  |                |         |        |        |       |        |
| 6   | 5.3            | 2.7     | 7.2    | 2.7    | 6.2   | 1.9    |
| 7   | 3.1            | 1.7     | 7.5    | 2.9    | 5.2   | 1.6    |
| 8   | 4.7            | 2.8     | 12.2   | 4.0    | 8.4   | 2.1    |
| <b>Total</b>  | 4.7            | 1.2     | 8.9    | 2.3    | 6.7   | 1.2    |

\*95% confidence interval.

<sup>†</sup>Non-Hispanic.

<sup>§</sup>Not available.

<sup>¶</sup>Without a doctor's advice.